

WINDHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

C. D. Spencer of Wilmington and M. R. Lawrence of Rockingham for Senators--F. B. Pier of Jamaica New Nominee for Assistant Judge--A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro State's Attorney.

The Republican county convention, held at Newfane Tuesday, was harmonious, but absolutely colorless. The routine proceedings were not relieved by a bit of humor, a wave of intensity, or a dash of piquancy.

The meeting was called to order after 11:30 a. m. by J. H. Merrifield, chairman of the county committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph E. Danforth of Newfane. L. D. Taylor of Brattleboro, secretary of the county committee, read the call. On motion of C. C. Fitts, the roll as prepared by the committee was made the permanent roll of the convention. Mr. Merrifield announced the selection of Col. George W. Hooker of Brattleboro as temporary president, and W. C. Belknap of Bellows Falls as temporary secretary. C. R. Crosby of Brattleboro and C. G. Flint of Bellows Falls were named as vice-presidents. Col. Hooker said that it was a pleasure to be on the floor as a delegate, and an honor to preside over the convention, and, as is customary with him, he called for the business of the day.

On motion of J. L. Martin, the temporary organization was made permanent, and the chair named Mr. Martin. Dr. P. Higgins of Bellows Falls and J. H. Merrifield of Newfane were named as members of the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the senatorial conduct of Hon. William P. Dillingham, and that we are proud of the high reputation which he has won as a United States senator with his associates in the Senate and the American people.

Resolved, That the senators nominated by this convention, if elected, are hereby requested and instructed to use their influence and effort for his reelection, and to vote for him.

C. D. Spencer for Senator.

When the nomination of a senator from the Marlboro district of the county was declared in order, C. D. Spencer of Wilmington was recognized. Mr. Russell spoke briefly but pointedly. He referred to his candidate as having the solid support of Wilmington and the Deerfield valley, and a large part of the southern district. His character, he said, was his own best eulogy, and he referred to him as a man who was not a candidate by his own choice, but through the urgent solicitation of his friends. It was a case of the office seeking the man. He said only once in 30 years had Wilmington had a senator, that in that time one half of the senators had come from Brattleboro, and one half from the rest of the county. The candidate whom he would name was entirely worthy of the honor, progressive, enterprising and energetic. In 1880 he was the youngest member of the legislature but one, filled places on important committees, and made an excellent record as a legislator. He closed by nominating C. D. Spencer of Wilmington. Mr. Spencer's nomination was seconded by O. T. Ware of Brattleboro in behalf of the Brattleboro delegates. L. W. Bush of Brookline named C. F. Thompson of Brattleboro as a man of honesty, ability, known character, county and state. Mr. Thompson's candidacy was one of the eleventh hour surprises of the convention. It is understood that he was supported by those opposed to removal of the county buildings from Newfane.

Whole number of votes 96
Necessary for choice 48
C. D. Spencer 59
C. F. Thompson 27
E. P. Adams 11

M. R. Lawrence from Northern District.

D. P. Higgins of Bellows Falls presented the name of Martin R. Lawrence as a senatorial candidate from the Westminster district. He spoke of his service as 20 years selectman of his town, and vouched for him as honest and trustworthy. C. R. Crosby of Brattleboro seconded Mr. Lawrence's nomination in behalf of the solid Brattleboro delegation.

George C. Wright of Westminster, in one of the most effective speeches of the day, spoke of the judgment, integrity and service in the lower legislative branch of Sidney Gage of Westminster. J. O. Follett of Townsend and A. M. Shipman of Westminster seconded Mr. Gage's nomination, and F. H. Lawton of Dummerston and J. W. Shelley of Putney performed a like service for Mr. Lawrence.

Whole number of votes 94
Necessary for choice 48
M. R. Lawrence 60
Sidney Gage 28
J. L. Dwyer 3
J. H. Ware 3

It is understood that Mr. Gage had the support of practically the same men who voted for Mr. Thompson, and for the reasons heretofore given.

Adjournment was taken at 12:20 until 2 o'clock.

F. B. Pier New Selection as Assistant Judge.

On ressembling in the afternoon, nominations for assistant judges of county court were called. Daniel Sherwin of Jamaica named F. B. Pier of that town, a long-time resident, well-known, of sound judgment, and possessed of all the essential qualifications for the position. George C. Wright of Westminster named his townsman, Judge Daniel Kellogg, who has already served four years as assistant judge, and who, Mr. Wright said, had been before the public and whose worth is known. C. C. Fitts in seconding Judge Kellogg said that while the court duties of the position were not onerous, the assistant judges had important places to fill in the county affairs and finances. He said that the county debt had been wiped out during Judge Kellogg's incumbency in office, and that great improvements had been made in the county buildings. Mr. Pier's nomination was seconded by J. H. Ware of Townsend, J. W. Melendy of Londonderry, C. M. Russell of Wilmington, L. W. Bush of Brookline, J. L. Martin also seconded Mr. Pier and spoke of him as a Justice of 30 years, and frequently the trial justice in his town, and as a strong, able, clear-headed, upright man.

Whole number of votes 93
Necessary for choice 48
F. B. Pier 72

Daniel Kellogg 26

Close Contest on the Other Judgeship.

J. C. Winn of Halifax presented the name of Judge Frank Worden of that town. The nomination was seconded by S. A. Richmond of Guilford. W. L. Packard of Wilmington nominated A. A. Butterfield of Whitehall as a man of sterling qualities, and F. H. Lawton of Dummerston seconded Mr. Butterfield's nomination.

Whole number of votes 93
Necessary for choice 47
Frank Worden 50
A. A. Butterfield 43

A. F. Schwenk for State's Attorney Without Opposition.

C. C. Fitts in nominating a state's attorney, said that in the usual custom of bestowing the office in turn, it was fortunate that this year the best possible service would be obtained by the nomination of a young, able, bright, intelligent lawyer, who now held a distinguished place in the bar of Windham county and of the state. He named Anthony F. Schwenk of Brattleboro. The nomination was seconded by J. P. Ranney of Westminster. F. H. Lawton of Dummerston, C. M. Ware of Wilmington, and Daniel Sherwin of Jamaica. Mr. Schwenk was nominated unanimously viva voce.

J. L. Houghton of Putney said that, in accordance with the usual custom of rewarding an able and efficient officer, the nomination for sheriff would naturally go to A. W. J. Wilkins of Putney. R. C. Bacon of Brattleboro seconded the nomination, and Mr. Wilkins was chosen unanimously, viva voce.

J. L. Martin briefly eulogized Dr. W. N. Thompson of Brattleboro in nominating him for high bailiff. Dr. Thompson, tried to put aside the honor, but he was chosen unanimously and enthusiastically, viva voce.

J. L. Blakely of Rockingham named John O. Sprague of that town, the present county commissioner, as a candidate a second time, and he was selected without opposition.

Zina Albee for Probate Judge—Three Ballots.

When the time came for selecting judges of probate, the delegates from the Westminster district retired to the juryman's room. R. C. Bacon nominated the present incumbent, Judge E. L. Waterman, for the Marlboro district, and he was chosen unanimously. The session of the delegates from the Westminster district was called to order by C. G. Flint, vice-president of the convention. J. O. Follett of Townsend was elected chairman and Mr. Flint secretary. J. W. Melendy of Londonderry nominated A. E. Cudworth of that town. George A. Weston's name was presented by J. M. Shipman of Westminster, and seconded by Daniel Parker, also of Westminster, and by F. L. Houghton of Putney. N. C. Williams of Bellows Falls spoke at some length in naming Herbert R. Ryder, reviewing his records and qualifications for the judgeship. George B. Wheeler referred to Z. H. Albee of Bellows Falls as in the line of promotion, and to his efficient record as register of probate. C. F. Albee and James W. Gould of Windham second Mr. Cudworth. Three ballots were necessary. The first stood: A. E. Cudworth, 8; Herbert R. Ryder, 6; George A. Weston, 11; Zina H. Albee, 17; Second: Mr. Albee, 22; Mr. Weston, 10; Mr. Cudworth, 7; Mr. Ryder, 6.

Mr. Cudworth's name was withdrawn at this point by J. W. Melendy and Mr. Albee won on the third ballot with 27 votes, Mr. Weston having 11 and Mr. Ryder 8.

When the delegates from the Westminster district had reassembled in the convention hall, the report from the committee on resolutions was called, and Col. Hooker read the following:

Resolved, That we, the Republicans of Windham county, in convention assembled, heartily endorse the resolutions adopted by the Republican state convention.

Resolved, That we pledge our cordial support to the nominees of this convention and of the state convention.

The resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote.

C. R. Crosby named the following as members of the county committee for the next two years, any they being chosen unanimously: J. H. Merrifield of Newfane, C. H. Williams of Rockingham, L. D. Taylor of Brattleboro, John H. Ware of Townsend, W. L. Packard of Whitehall.

Speeches by Congressman Harkins and U. S. District Attorney Martin.

Col. Hooker said that Congressman Harkins was present, fresh from Washington, and full of Republicanism. He referred to Col. Harkins's excellent record in the United States House, and said that his recognition in being called to the chair in committee of the whole was almost unprecedented with a new congressman. Col. Harkins was warmly greeted as he stepped forward. He spoke of the Republican party as representing the policy of the whole people, and the party which kept its promises to the whole people. He reviewed its record of unbroken victories in this state for 53 years, and in the nation at large, with two exceptions. In more than 40 years, he said, the Republican party had kept the people which the Republican party had kept in legislation which it had shaped in the last session of Congress, including the repeal of the war taxes, aggregating \$73,000,000 annually, the passage of the bill for the Isthmian canal, the establishment of government in Cuba, and of a civil government in the Philippines. He spoke of the present conditions in the Philippines, their pacification, and the great promise which they hold for the future. He also touched briefly upon the legislation for the farmer through the pure food bill which protects maple sugar and syrup, and the very important oleomargarine bill. Col. Harkins's subject in closing, was the coming state campaign. The platform, he said, was satisfactory to all candidates. Gen. McCullough was not his candidate previous to the convention, but he is today, and should be the candidate of every true Republican in

the county and the state. There is no cause for a bolt, he said, and he trusted that Windham county would be solid and not countenance any bolt from the regular nominations. He pertinently asked the Clerk and the members what was to be gained by bolting, and said that the legislature will enact the right law, and that no governor would exercise his right of veto unless a law was in violation of a constitutional provision, and that a local option-high license law was simply a police regulation. He urged the members of the convention to stand by the regular nominees. He also discussed probable provisions of the proposed caucus law, and asked where the bolters would be in case such a law was enacted, the inference being that they would be outside the regular Republican organization. Col. Harkins's speech was followed by prolonged applause.

Col. Hooker said that this state had the best United States district attorney in the United States, one who knew more about the Chinese law according to the attorney general of the United States than any man in the country, and called upon Mr. Martin to speak in reference to the Chinese.

Before Mr. Martin made his remarks, on motion of L. W. Bush of Brookline, the nomination of Mr. Spencer for senator was made unanimous, and still further confirmed by reference to the nomination of Mr. Lawrence for senator, Mr. Worden as assistant judge, and Mr. Pier as assistant judge, on motions respectively by Mr. Wright, Mr. Packard, and again Mr. Wright, the men who had placed the defeated candidates in the field.

Mr. Martin spoke for only a few minutes. He said Windham county was more united than any other county in the state. He commended the Republican party for standing by the treaty which gave us the Philippines, and deprecating reading out of the party any good Republicans who were solid on national issues, but who differed with their fellows in regard to a state law which was simply a matter of police regulation. This reference was in answer to what Col. Harkins had said.

After the applause had subsided, a motion to adjourn was heard, and everybody hurried for the hall.

SOUTO & CO. EXEMPTED.

NO TAX ON FURNITURE FACTORY FOR FIVE YEARS.

Committee of 16 Citizens appointed to Assist in Entertaining President Roosevelt August 30th.

A special town meeting was held Saturday at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of questioning B. Souto & Co., who propose to erect a furniture factory in Brattleboro, from taxation for five years. A good number of voters were present. Chairman G. W. Hooker called the meeting to order and read the warrant after which C. F. Fitts presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That such manufacturing establishment as may be established within one year in the town of Brattleboro by B. Souto & Co. of New York city, for the manufacture of furniture, wooden ware, and like articles, including the land, appliances, buildings, machinery, and equipment and appurtenances as may be necessary for the prosecution of said business, and all capital and personal property used in and about such business, shall be exempt from taxation for a period of five years from the commencement of said manufacturing business.

Under article two, which gave opportunity for the transaction of other business, W. A. Gilbert made formal announcement of President Roosevelt's promise to visit Brattleboro in August as a guest of the young men's Republican club, and presented the following invitation in behalf of the club:

Brattleboro, Vt., July 5, 1902.

To the Voters of Brattleboro:—The Young Men's Republican club requests the citizens of Brattleboro to assist in preparing for the reception and entertainment of President Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit here August 29, by choosing a committee of citizens to co-operate with the club committee of arrangements.

Frederic N. Knight, Fred S. Eddy, Arthur L. Maynard, and Walter A. Clark, Committee of Invitation.

Dr. D. P. Webster moved that before accepting the invitation the special town meeting adjourn and that the citizens immediately reassemble in special meeting. The motion was carried. S. W. Edger then placed in nomination the following names: Carl F. Adams, chairman; Kittredge Harkins, Henry D. Holton, George W. Hooker, James L. Martin, James Conland, J. Gray Estey, Clarke C. Fitts, George L. Dunham, Charles A. Harris, Charles H. Davenport, George C. Averill, Michael J. Moran, Wilbur H. Brackett and Herbert E. Taylor. Mr. Moran moved that the name of Dan P. Webster be substituted in place of his name as he intended to be away a large part of the time. Dr. Holton moved to amend the motion by adding the name of Dr. Webster without omitting the name of Mr. Moran. The amendment was carried and the committee of 16 elected. President Harkins of the club then announced that he would call a meeting of the executive committee of the club on Saturday evening of this week and invited the committee of citizens to meet with them. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Let Him Run.

[Ludlow Tribune.]

The Republicans of the state, speaking through the newspapers, seem to be giving themselves considerable anxiety, for fear Mr. Clement will run as an independent candidate for governor. Let him run if he wants to. It will do the state good to have an election with an element of uncertainty in it. If he gets beaten it won't hurt anyone else.

Crosby Again Commended.

[Northfield News.]

On the whole it must be conceded that Charles R. Crosby of Brattleboro, was the man in the Clement contest to win commendable fame in the recent state election. In a few well chosen words he showed not only loyalty to his party, but sincerity in his advocacy of a high license referendum and at the same time stopped the bolt by bringing his faction to its senses. Crosby is one of our state's best young business men, energetic and enthusiastic in whatever he undertakes and as he showed up in the convention, cool headed and honest.

IN OUR OWN STATE.

Two St. Albans Men Drowned.

James Orr and James Foote were drowned in St. Albans bay near Ball Island Thursday by the accidental overturning of the boat from which they were fishing. E. R. Purdy, who was with them, was saved after clinging to the boat an hour and a half. Orr was an engineer and Foote a brakeman for the Central Vermont railway. Purdy is also an engineer. Foote's rod was caught in a snag and he was standing up attempting to get it loose when a squall struck the boat and it was upside down in an instant. Purdy seized the keel of the boat. Orr came up and asked Purdy to help him as he could not swim. Purdy told him to catch hold of his (Purdy's) legs, but Orr sank suddenly and did not come up again. Foote was tangled in the fish line and never came to the surface. He was a good swimmer and evidently made a desperate fight for life, as he had divested himself of his clothing except a boot and one leg of his trousers. Orr was 30 years old. He leaves a wife and one child. Foote was 21 and unmarried.

Memorial Library for Windsor.

B. F. Blood of Waltham, Mass., has announced his intention of erecting on State street in Windsor at an expense of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a building of brick and granite, to be known as the B. F. Blood memorial hall, which will be the home of the Harlow library, presented to the Windsor library association by the late Hiram Harlow of Windsor, and maintained in part by an endowment fund of \$10,000 established by Col. Harlow and his wife. Mr. Blood is a native of West Windsor, and a former resident of Windsor, who has always maintained an interest in the town. He gave a library building to Acuteville and made generous gifts to churches in Windsor, West Windsor and Acuteville.

N. D. Stanley's machine shop and elder mill in Essex Junction were burned the night of the Fourth. The loss is \$4000 with \$1500 insurance.

Edward Ekerton, of Northfield, a state cutter, fell overboard in a Montpelier Junction Saturday. His right foot was crushed so that it had to be amputated.

Peter Bianchi, 19, of Barre, had a hand torn off by the explosion of a giant fire cracker the night of the Fourth. John Hallenbeck, 12, of Barre, was badly cut by the breaking of a bottle in which he was carrying a fire cracker, and he may lose the sight of one eye.

The town of Westfield celebrated its 100th anniversary the Fourth with a parade containing 30 handsome decorated floats representing various organizations and industries. Following the parade, speeches were made by ex-Gov. J. B. Fernald of Boston and O. C. Miller of Newport.

There is talk of starting a daily newspaper in Montpelier to espouse the cause of P. W. Clement for governor. J. M. Marbury of Manchester has engaged rooms in the Hawkes block, Bennington, for Clement's headquarters. The Democrats of Bennington are said to be in favor of endorsing Clement.

Mrs. Emaline Ewing's house on River street, in the Bowery district, in Barre, was raided Friday night. Mrs. Ewing was arrested on the charge of keeping a disorderly house, and Mrs. Laura Locklin of Montpelier, who was found on the charge of gross lewdness. Eight men were in the house at the time, and the police claim to have evidence that the place was visited that night by 22 men.

The \$50,000 subscriptions to the permanent fund of Burr and Burton Seminary was not secured July 1, but the amount at that date was \$28,900. Most of the subscribers had already assented to extending the time one year, and no doubt all will do so, and effort will be made to secure the full amount during the year. All friends of the Seminary should take hold of the matter and it can be done. In fact it may be done to enable the school to go ahead and equal its record. Edward S. Isham of New York has been elected a trustee in place of his father, Hon. E. S. Isham, deceased.—Manchester Journal.

The Barre city council has voted to issue \$200,000 of water bonds, 35 per cent to pay for the Grange Brook extension and water improvements.

The Hoosac Valley street railway company of North Adams is planning to extend its line from the city to the state line in Pawnee, there to connect with the proposed line to Troy.

Charles H. Brown, 16, of Springfield, Mass., formerly of Rutland, and Mamie O'Hara of Springfield, were drowned in the Aqueduct river Saturday by the overturning of a canoe. Brown's body was brought to Rutland for burial.

Ed. Baxter, 33, upholsterer, attempted suicide Sunday night by shooting through the right lung with a 22-caliber revolver. He will probably recover. His home is in St. Johnsbury. He was despondent over financial difficulties.

Judge Torrey Wales, 52, died Saturday in Burlington. He graduated from the University of Vermont in '74, was state's attorney three years, mayor of Burlington in 1896, and a member in the legislature four years, and had been judge of probate the last 24 years.

Lewis Seymour, 76, a farmer in Warren, accidentally shot himself in the arm and shoulder while hunting for a woodchuck. He attempted to shoot a skunk, and the gun became entangled in the clothes. He is survived by a wife and several children.

Carl B. son of A. McNulty, granite manufacturer, was drowned Sunday in the Winoski river at Montpelier. The body was recovered. No one saw the accident, but it was supposed that a hat was seen going over the Colton mill manufacturing company's dam and a search was begun at once.

Fire Monday night at Burlington destroyed the shoe plant of the Lakewood shoe company, owned by John Lakewood and a bank house and barn owned by the Lang & Goodhue manufacturing company, entailing a loss of about \$70,000. The property is covered by about \$50,000 insurance.

William Cooley was taken suddenly ill on the night he left his Fourth at his home in Waterbury, and he made a desperate attempt to kill himself by poisoning his head with a piece of iron. He is now in the hospital at the County Manufacturing company, and inventor of the Cooley cans for dairy purposes and of standard gasoline engines.

Peter Wright, 35, clerk in Lynch & Jenck's restaurant, at White River Junction, has disappeared mysteriously. He started with \$150 in cash and the restaurant books to go to West Lebanon, as he said, to settle with Mr. Lynch. Public opinion is divided as to whether he skipped or met with foul play. He came to White River Junction from Claremont about four months ago.

A. M. Gilbert of Chicago has bought the farms of Fred Fish, Edgar Wilcox and the two large farms of the Walker Brothers in Manchester. He will erect a fine country house on the bluff east of the cascade. His object in buying the large tract of land is to dam the Battellkill river to make a lake of several hundred acres. He will spend many thousands of dollars in improvements.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, his wife and two daughters, are at Charlotte on Lake Champlain. Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Shaw will remain there during the summer. Admiral and Mrs. Charles E. Clark will go to the Pavilion at Montpelier July 20th for a vacation of three or four weeks. Their daughters, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Robinson, will be there, and they will be joined by their husbands, Lieuts. Hughes and Robinson.

One of the most daring robberies ever known in Burlington was committed Sunday evening when the sanctuary of the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was invaded by two men who despoiled the altar of the sacred articles. The men were both foreigners, and entered the church seemingly for the purpose of prayer. Father Barrett retired for a few moments, and when he returned the men had disappeared and the robbery had been committed.

P. W. Waterman of New York, a member of the Ekwonak club of Manchester, won the state golf championship Saturday at Manchester, defeating his club mate, A. M. Reed 4 up and 2 to play. James L. Taylor won the consolation cup. A state golf league was formed during the tournament. The league will meet weekly with George Worthington of Bennington as president and W. H. Dunne of Rutland secretary and treasurer. The league's first tournament next year will probably be held in Rutland.

The body of Thomas J. Griffin, 42, was found floating face downward in the river at Essex Junction Sunday morning. There was a wound on the back of the head, and it was at first thought that he might have met death from foul play, but an autopsy showed that the injury was not serious, and that death resulted from drowning. Griffin was a painter, employed by John C. Crowley of Barre. His home was in St. Johnsbury. He had been drinking heavily and may have fallen into the river while in a drunken stupor.

Senator Dillingham's Standing.

[Washington Post.]

Of the new men few have had a chance to make notable speeches. Perhaps Mr. Dillingham, of Vermont, has made the most distinct reputation as a forceful and attractive speaker, and his committee assignments have happened to bring him into relation with some of the important work of the session. He bids fair to fully sustain the high tradition which Vermont has long maintained in the Senate.

WEST HALIFAX.

Farmers began haying last week. They report a light crop.

No. 9 school, taught by Miss Clara Spencer, closed last week. Spencer Bickford was neither absent nor tardy.

Miss Madge Davenport closed a very successful term of school recently in No. 10, with a picnic, but on account of bad weather it had to be held in the school house. The children showed careful training, creditable alike to themselves and their teacher. After the exercises came ice cream and refreshments. The scholars presented the teacher with a handsome vase. Maud and Lucy Thurber were neither absent nor tardy.

Not Windham County "Rowdies."

[Ludlow Tribune.]

The editor of the Wilmington Times in his remark on the Republican state convention offers this: "Clement's following was made up very largely of the rowdy element; their views were well stated in the convention by the Barre Scotchman, who in seconding the nomination declared that Clement's views will be out next year. The editor must have overlooked the Windham county delegation which certainly contained several men not identified with the 'rowdy element.'"

13 Killed, 35 Injured in Trolley Accident.

Ten persons were killed outright, and at least three others fatally injured, and 35 more or less seriously injured in an accident on the electric railroad near Gloversville, N. Y., late Friday night. A combination baggage and passenger car rushed down the main line at a terrific speed, and at the end of the grade crashed into a loaded open car also descending the mountain. The open car was hurled from the track and over 50 per cent of the occupants killed or injured. The combination car also left the track. Those killed were crushed under the car, some of the bodies being frightfully mangled. Some died from suffocation. The motorman, who was a green hand, is thought to have been responsible for the accident. He sustained injuries from which he died Sunday. The wreck occurred at the end of a day of pleasure at the resort at the top of the mountain, and the cars which were in the wreck were loaded with excursionists who had been enjoying the sports and fire works in the evening.

The President has issued a proclamation postponing until April 30, 1904, of the opening of the Louisiana purchase exposition.

President Roosevelt has formally declared the restoration of peace in the Philippine archipelago, has placed the islands under complete civil control and has ordered general amnesty to the Filipino political prisoners. He has also issued a general order to the entire army of the United States expressing high appreciation of the work it has accomplished in Cuba and the Philippines. Governor Taft presented a note to the Vatican, setting forth the terms on which the government of the United States proposes to acquire the lands held by the friars in the Philippines.

Thousands of Londoners have taken on special insurance policies against small pox, ranging from \$50 to \$50,000.

Senator Kittredge of South Dakota saw two street urchins quarreling in Washington, and said to them, "Come now, boys, try to get along without fighting." "We ain't fighting," said one of the urchins, "we're only playing senators."



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